


EXHIBIT E



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Federal Correctional Complex
Federal Correctional Institution I

P.O. Box 1000
Butner, North Carolina 27509

Date: March 13, 2025

ATTN OF: K. Dickerson, Camp  Administrator
FCI I Butner, North Carolina

TO: Masecchia, Michael
Register Number: 28848-055

Subject: Reduction in Sentence

This memorandum is in response to a letter received on March 12, 2025, from your Counsel, Elizabeth Budnitz. She requested you be considered for a Compassionate Release (Reduction in Sentence or RIS) due to extraordinary reasons. Specifically, she stated those reasons to be sentencing factors and your strong release plan that will ensure you do not pose a danger to the community.

At this time, those reasons do not meet the guidelines outlined in Program Statement 5050.50, Compassionate Release/Reduction in Sentence: Procedures for Implementation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 3582 (c)(1)(A) and 4205(g), provides guidance on the types of circumstances that present extraordinary or compelling reasons, such as the inmate's terminal medical condition; debilitated medical condition; status as a "new law" elderly inmate, an elderly inmate with medical conditions, or an "other elderly inmate"; the death or incapacitation of the family member caregiver of the inmate's child; or the incapacitation of the inmate's spouse or registered partner. Program Statement 5050.50 provides guidance for consideration of a RIS for extraordinary or compelling circumstances as stated above.

This request does not meet the criteria of any of the categories in the program statement for review at the institution level. If you would like for a request for Compassionate Release/Reduction in Sentence to be reviewed, please submit a request under the set criteria.

March 4, 2025

Warden of Facility
FCI Butner Medium I
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Email: BUX-ExecAssistant-S@bop.gov

Re: Request for Reduction in Sentence Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), for Michael Masecchia, Register Number 28848-055

Dear Warden,

I represent Michael Masecchia, Reg. No. 28848-055, who is currently incarcerated in your facility. I request that the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) release Mr. Masecchia under their compassionate release policy because there are “extraordinary and compelling” reasons for a sentencing reduction, a reduction is consistent with the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) sentencing factors, and Mr. Masecchia has a strong release plan that will ensure he does not pose a danger to the community and will meet his needs. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A); U.S.S.G. §1B.1.13; BOP Program Statement 5050.50.

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¹ PSR ¶ 67.

² PSR ¶ 70 (with ages adjusted for 2024).

³ PSR ¶ 71.

⁴ PSR ¶ 68.

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[REDACTED] Mr. Masecchia's mother-in-law moved in with his family about two years ago, and currently a physical therapist and Mr. Masecchia's wife, who works from home, care for her. This is a significant burden on the family, especially on Krista Masecchia, who is struggling to juggle caring for her mother and working a full-time job. If he were released, Mr. Masecchia would become a caregiver of his mother-in-law.

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⁵ PSR ¶ 88.

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⁷ PSR ¶ 90.

⁸ PSR ¶ 92.

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¹⁰ PSR ¶ 1. Mr. Masecchia received the latter charge because firearms and ammunition were found in his home, but otherwise, Mr. Masecchia was not charged with or found guilty of any violent offenses. PSR ¶ 21.

¹¹ PSR ¶ 77; Dkt. 282.

¹² PSR ¶ 77.

¹³ OPA Pardon Form at 13.

¹⁴ PSR ¶ 70.

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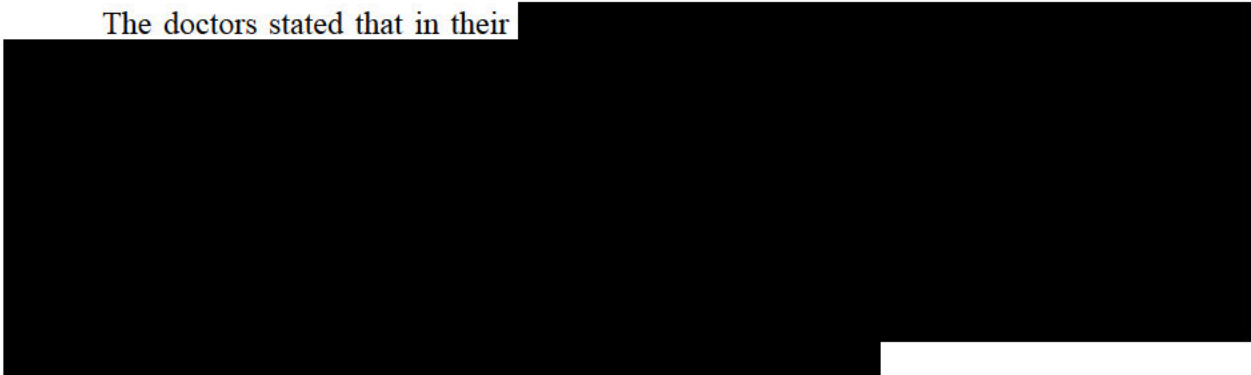
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II. The Extraordinary and Compelling Reasons to Release Mr. Masecchia

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Mr. Masecchia has provided a “Declaration Regarding the Medical Care of Michael Masecchia, at the Federal Correctional Complex, Butner,” reviewed by Dr. Nicole Mushero and Dr. Hyunji Do of Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine dated February 24, 2025. The doctors, who were not paid for their review and were not affiliated with his case, reviewed 360 pages of Mr. Masecchia’s medical records to provide their expert opinion on Mr. Masecchia’s medical care.

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The Butner medical facility is not able to provide Mr. Masecchia with the care that he so desperately needs, [REDACTED] to avoid a life-threatening return of [REDACTED]. Given the day-to-day circumstances of the prison setting and the difficulties in managing the care of seriously ill inmates, Mr. Masecchia’s [REDACTED] would be better treated if he was released into the community, through compassionate release. This could have life or death consequences for Mr. Masecchia.

A. Mr. Masecchia will pose no danger to society and has a release plan to ensure his safe transition to the community.

Mr. Masecchia’s rehabilitative transformation is best illustrated by his exemplary institutional record in the BOP. He has taken at least three separate drug education and rehabilitation, along with any other class that he can get his hands on, including acoustic guitar, business, the solar system, horticulture, financial literacy, green living, Spanish, life skills math, creative writing, and hobby-craft. He has used his skills from decades as a teacher and educator to tutor students who are obtaining their high school degree at FCI Butner. He has also helped develop the fitness and health programs and Butner Low Security Institution. During the evenings, Mr.

Masecchia spends his time writing, with the goal of developing an educational text for use in English Language Arts. He has been dutifully obtaining First Step Act credits in order to shorten his sentence, and has not one disciplinary incident.

According to Mr. Masecchia's FSA Recidivism Risk Assessment (PATTERN Risk) Score, he is a "minimum" and "low" danger of recidivism. In February 2023, he was granted "community custody" status.¹⁷ Community custody is the lowest security status, and it permits the inmate to work in the community with or without official supervision and to become eligible for furloughs.

Even if released from your facility, Mr. Masecchia will still be subject to supervised release, which provides further assurances that his reintegration into the community will be safe. Were he released now, he would submit to three years of supervised release, which would include drug screening, a prohibition of possession of firearms and ammunition, and DNA collection. These measures are more cost-effective than incarceration and are wholly sufficient to meet the goals set forth in § 3553(a)(2): just punishment, deterrence, protection of the public, and rehabilitation of the defendant.

Mr. Masecchia is also a non-violent offender.¹⁸ The incident for his arrest and prosecution stemmed from his distribution of marijuana, which is a non-violent offense. Mr. Masecchia was also sentenced to a gun charge, but there is no evidence of any violence whatsoever in his case. While it is also true that officers seized a number of guns during the search of his residence, Mr. Masecchia, an avid outdoorsman and hunter, maintains, as he did at sentencing, that the guns were all legally registered, and were only for use in hunting, and for a hunting club with friends.

For all of these reasons, the BOP should move for a reduction in sentence in Mr. Masecchia's case immediately. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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¹⁷ OPA Pardon Form at 10-11.

¹⁸ See Superseding Indictment, Dkt. 46; Plea Agreement, Dkt. 68.



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Compassionate Release Request - Michael Masecchia - Reg No. 28848-055

1 message

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To: BUX-ExecAssistant-S@bop.gov

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Dear Warden:

I represent Michael Masecchia, an inmate in your facility with Register Number 28848-055. I am hereby requesting that your facility and the Bureau of Prisons grant him compassionate release.

This letter requesting compassionate release is below, but a copy of this letter plus exhibits is also attached to this email in a PDF format. I have also sent you a paper copy of this letter in the United States Postal Mail today to the address of your facility.

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deterioration in health or death.” U.S.S.G. § 1B1.13(b)(1). Mr. Masecchia has demonstrated this extraordinary and compelling reason for release.

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The doctors stated that in their “medical opinion, Mr. Masecchia has numerous serious medical conditions that require close follow-up.” Exhibit A: Medical Letter, para. 4. In addition, the doctors wrote, Mr. Masecchia’s [REDACTED] require serial monitoring, including follow-up visits, [REDACTED] and blood work, to ensure that they do not progress.” Exhibit A, para. 4. They make clear that his [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which should be under [REDACTED] under the care of [REDACTED] Exhibit A, para. 10. However, the doctors found, Mr. Masecchia “has not gotten the recommended follow-ups in a timely manner, putting him at risk of delaying diagnosis of [REDACTED] Id. This is particularly troubling, the doctors state, because “possible treatments that may be feasible for [REDACTED] are limited due to his prior treatment that he underwent for his [REDACTED] a.” Id.

The Butner medical facility is not able to provide Mr. Masecchia with the care that he so desperately needs to avoid a life-threatening [REDACTED] Given the day-to-day circumstances of the prison setting and the difficulties in managing the care of seriously ill inmates, Mr. Masecchia’s [REDACTED] would be better treated if he was released into the community, through compassionate release. This could have life or death consequences for Mr. Masecchia.

A. Mr. Masecchia will pose no danger to society and has a release plan to ensure his safe transition to the community.

Mr. Masecchia’s rehabilitative transformation is best illustrated by his exemplary institutional record in the BOP. He has taken at least three separate drug education and rehabilitation classes, along with any other class that he can get his hands on, including acoustic guitar, business, the solar system, horticulture, financial literacy, green living, Spanish, life skills math, creative writing, and hobby-craft. He has used his skills from decades as a teacher and educator to tutor students who are obtaining their high school degree at FCI Butner. He has also helped develop the fitness and health programs and Butner Low Security Institution. During the evenings, Mr. Masecchia spends his time writing, with the goal of developing an educational text for use in English Language Arts. He has been dutifully obtaining First Step Act credits in order to shorten his sentence, and has had not one disciplinary incident.

According to Mr. Masecchia’s FSA Recidivism Risk Assessment (PATTERN Risk) Score, he is a “minimum” and “low” danger of recidivism. In February 2023, he was granted “community custody” status. Community custody is the lowest security status, and it permits the inmate to work in the community with or without official supervision and to become eligible for furloughs.

Even if released from your facility, Mr. Masecchia will still be subject to supervised release, which provides further assurances that his reintegration into the community will be safe. Were he released now, he would submit to three years of supervised release, which would include drug screening, a prohibition of possession of firearms and ammunition, and DNA collection. These measures are more cost-effective than incarceration and are wholly sufficient to meet the goals set forth in § 3553(a)(2): just punishment, deterrence, protection of the public, and rehabilitation of the defendant.

Mr. Masecchia is also a non-violent offender. ^[14] The incident for his arrest and prosecution stemmed from his distribution of marijuana, which is a non-violent offense. Mr. Masecchia was also sentenced to a gun charge, but there is no evidence of any violence whatsoever in his case. While it is also

true that officers seized a number of guns during the search of his residence, Mr. Masecchia, an avid outdoorsman and hunter, maintains, as he did at sentencing, that the guns were all legally registered, and were only for use in hunting, and for a hunting club with friends.

For all of these reasons, the BOP should move for a reduction in sentence in Mr. Masecchia's case immediately. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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[1] PSR ¶ 67.

[2] PSR ¶ 70 (with ages adjusted for 2024).

[3] PSR ¶ 71.

[4] PSR ¶ 68.

[5] PSR ¶ 88.

[6] PSR ¶ 88.

[7] PSR ¶ 90.

[8] PSR ¶ 92.

[9] These letters of support are included herewith.

[10] PSR ¶ 1. Mr. Masecchia received the latter charge because firearms and ammunition were found in his home, but otherwise, Mr. Masecchia was not charged with or found guilty of any violent offenses. PSR ¶ 21.

[11] PSR ¶ 77; Dkt. 282.

[12] PSR ¶ 77.

[13] PSR ¶ 70.

[14] See Superseding Indictment, Dkt. 46; Plea Agreement, Dkt. 68.

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